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STAKE RELIEF SOCIETY NEWS

The 99th anniversary of the organization of the Relief Society was celebrated in the various wards of the Stake on Sunday evening, March 16. The programs as a whole were well carried out, and we feel to compliment the ward presidents who had charge.

Under the competent direction of Mrs. Ruth Hilton, 130 ladies of the Stake recently attended a Remar Bakery luncheon. The affair was an enjoyable one, and at its close the Relief Society found itself over \$30 richer. The funds raised in this manner will be used in buying new materials to be made into clothes for the welfare program. There have already been purchased approximately 1,200 yards, which is being made up by the various wards. Miss Ruth Shurtliff, our new work director, is now in charge of this important work.

Mrs. Rena Hallen of Reno, Nevada, who was our former work director, has been recently visiting in Oakland, and honored us with her presence at our last board meeting, which was held at the home of Lorna Birchall.

COMING EVENTS

- Friday, April 4—Date open for ward affairs.
April 18, 21, 22—Play Parade in various wards, details to be announced.
Friday, May 2—Claremont entertains; Richmond entertains.
Saturday, May 3—Beehive Swarm Day, Oakland chapel.
Tuesday, May 6—M.I.A. Theme Festival and Honor Day.

GAMMA RHO CHI TEMPLE EXCURSIONISTS



These are the girls who are making the pilgrimage to the Arizona Temple, that is, all but four of them. Those absent are Lenore Mayhew, Annette Call, Mary Stout and Anna Lee Lloyd. Front row, left to right: Audrey Stout, Quevene Hardesty, Alma Deane Erickson, class leader; Stella Severine, Caroline Goodlander, Thelma Bingham. Second row: Betty Wescott, Lucile Southgate, Emmy Lou Cummings, Marzette Bingham, Virginia Barrett. Back row: Marilyn Ream, Pat Bronkin, Betty Irene Cummings, Ruth Caine.

A CALL FOR HELP

For two months now The Messenger has carried an appeal from the Stake President for assistance in the building program of four wards—Alameda, Claremont, Hayward and Maxwell Park.

The response to that appeal has not been what it should be. It is difficult to believe that the members of this Stake are not interested. Rather, we think it is probably neglect.

We cannot rest until each of our wards and branches is housed in its own quarters. It is impossible to achieve the fullest spirit of worship and devotion in quarters not designed therefor. But the task of providing these ward chapels should not devolve on the individual wards alone. There is not one of the six beautiful chapels now in use but was substantially helped toward completion by contributions from all over the Stake. That generous spirit should now be reciprocated.

A record of each donor will be preserved and encased in the cornerstone of each ward chapel. Let us make the list a long one.

Please fill out the following blank and mail it with your contribution to President Eugene Hilton, 3918 Everett Avenue, Oakland.

To the Presidency of Oakland Stake:

I enclose \$..... as a contribution to the erection of a chapel for Alameda, Claremont, Hayward, Maxwell Park (draw a circle around your preference, or indicate if all are to be included in the your gift).

Your name.....

Address.....

Ward in which you live.....

The girls of the Berkeley ward Gamma Rho Chi will leave for Mesa, Arizona, to do Temple work on April 6th. These girls have been preparing for the trip most of the winter and have earned the money for it themselves by carrying out various projects. Some have tended babies and done housework, others have had part-time work in business concerns. Besides this there have been group projects such as a paper drive and a ward dinner. All the money earned has been put in a general fund from which the girls all share alike.

A program in their honor was held at the Berkeley ward Sunday evening, March 30th. The girls sang several selections, which were well received.

Plans have been carefully worked out to make the most of the week they will spend in Arizona. Besides doing Temple work the girls will visit the Mutual meeting of Mesa ward and have an opportunity to inspect the Indian village near Mesa. Several social functions have been planned. The girls will be chaperoned by their class leader, Miss Alma Deane Erickson, who will be assisted by Mrs. Effie Southgate.

STAKE GOES OVER THE TOP IN ERA DRIVE

A letter from J. K. Orton, business manager of the Era, advises that Oakland Stake has now exceeded its quota of subscribers for the season. Stake leaders in charge of the drive were Maurice Monson for the young men, and Violet M. Pinckney for the young women.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he
will prepare the way before me; and the Lord
whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his
temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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WARD TEACHERS' MESSAGE FOR APRIL, 1941

RESPECT FOR THE PRIESTHOOD

Those who respect and honor the Priesthood
and who qualify as worthy members of the
Church will have an influence constantly op-
erating in their lives that will bring happiness,
satisfaction, and promised blessings.

They will yearn for righteousness and fol-
low such a well-ordered course of life that
all who are eligible may receive the Priest-
hood with all its power, authority, and bless-
ings.

They will exercise the power of God which
comes to them through receiving the Priest-
hood by performing faithfully and well all
they are appointed to do in the Church.

They will be kind, generous, and forgiving
to all, and exercise authority under appoint-
ment in the true spirit of love.

They will govern and direct in their homes
in keeping with the order of the Church and
the will of God, and yield willing, intelligent
obedience to those who are called of God to
direct in spiritual affairs.

Women and children who are entitled to the
blessings and benefits of the Priesthood
through their husbands and fathers will re-
ceive those blessings and benefits through hon-
oring, respecting, and obeying the Priesthood.

No greater blessing ever has been, or could
be, given to any people than has been given
to the Latter-day Saints in the Priesthood.
It is such a precious and valuable gift that
every member of the Church, young and old,
male and female, should honor, respect, and
obey the Priesthood, its leaders, and its au-
thority in every possible way.

A suitable resolution for any Latter-day
Saint is this: I will show that I honor and
respect the Priesthood by that which I do in
the daily contacts of life.

APRIL ASSIGNMENTS

Alameda: Don J. Allphin, O. Leslie Stone.
Berkeley: Claude M. Dewsnup, Grant Ellis.
Claremont: Clyde J. Summerhays.
Dimond: Eugene Hilton.
Elmhurst: W. Glenn Harmon.
Hayward: Robert G. Larsen, Rufus K. Phelps.
Vallejo: R. Kendall Thomas, Oscar Fontana.
Maxwell Park: Delbert F. Wright, I. B. Ball.
Martinez: Wayne E. Mayhew, Edward Kingsford.
Napa: Nathan G. Tolman, Leo H. Crandall.
Oakland: Don C. Wood, Hugh P. Anderson.
Pittsburg: Victor C. Lindblad, Geo. Southgate.
Richmond: Wm. J. Nielsen, A. D. Erickson.

MESSAGE OF STAKE PRESIDENCY

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS:

There is a matter of such grave im-
portance to all of us that we cannot be
reminded of it too often.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the most
important thing in life. It is a way of
life; to many it is life, life eternal. No
one of us but knows and responds in a
measure at least, to the great truth that
this Gospel makes of us better men and
women. And all of us feel that only the
triumph of Christ's teachings can realize
for us the hope of peace on earth.

When this Gospel plan was first again
revealed in the latter days, it came to
those who heard it and embraced it as
a great flood of light, invigorating, up-
lifting—heralding the dawn of a new
day wherein the ills of mankind would
be conquered. The history of the Church
is replete with the conversions of thou-
sands whose ways and habits were com-
pletely changed, whose outlook was en-
larged thereby.

That is the way it still affects those
who hear its message for the first time.
They see in the Gospel plan that per-
fection whose greatest beauty is its utter
simplicity; and the age-old doctrine of
"love one another" and its twin concept
of growth through eternal progression
have an appeal that is inestimable.

It usually comes as a great shock to
the new convert to see the wide margin
of difference between Gospel principles
and the actual practices of the people
who profess to embrace them. The period
of readjustments to such a convert in
discarding his old ideas and habits in
favor of the new yet old plan, and then
having his faith tested by seeing pro-
fessed Latter-day Saints failing to live
up to their professions, is a period so
severe that some converts do not sur-
vive it, but "disillusioned," revert to for-
mer practices.

Then, too, there are those not of us
among whom we live, who constantly
watch us to see if we really practice
what we preach. In this area, where we
are so few among so many, this is par-
ticularly true.

True, we are human, and "to err is
human." So long as we are human we
cannot hope to fully attain the perfec-
tion to which the Gospel plan points, and
there will always be a measure of dif-
ference between our efforts and our goal.
Neither non-members nor new converts
should be too quick to judge the system
itself by the weaknesses of the mortals
who profess it.

But, on the other hand, we who possess
these glorious truths ourselves owe a duty
in regard thereto. Insofar as we fail to
live up to them we become responsible
for any disrepute that arises in the minds
of others by reason thereof. Moreover,
we stand in our own way of progress. It
is axiomatic that only through obedience
to law can the fruits of that law be
enjoyed.

It is of these things that we would re-
mind you and keep reminding you. So
long as they are in mind, we cannot help
but improve our ways of life. And there-
by not only do we progress faster, we
also make it possible for others to see
and follow the same path.

Faithfully yours,

EUGENE HILTON,
W. GLENN HARMON,
CLYDE J. SUMMERHAYS.

RETIRING BISHOPS HAVE RECORD OF SERVICE

Both Bishops Arthur L. Hopkins of Rich-
mond and John T. Abbott of Martinez, have



Bishop Abbott



Bishop Hopkins

long and faithful records of Church service.
Both of them have seen the commencement
and completion of chapels in their respective
wards under their direction. In addition Bishop
Hopkins had the distinction of being the oldest
bishop in point of service in the Stake.

The story of Bishop Abbott's life is of special
interest. Told briefly in his own words to a
MESSENGER reporter, it follows.

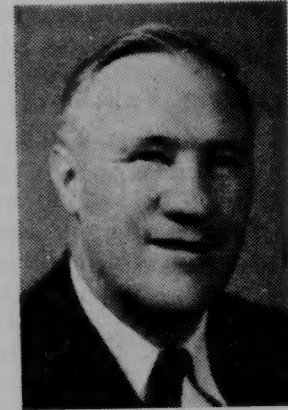
"I was born in Middlesex, London, and came
to Canada with my parents. When I was
about three years old they moved from Cal-
gary, Alberta, to Winnipeg, and from there
down the Red River Valley to LaCrosse, Wis-
consin, in a covered wagon, where they de-
cided to make their home. About 1890 the
elders came to our home. One was James R.
Young of Rexburg, Idaho, and the other was
a Cluff from Provo, Utah. As time went on,
my father and mother and I were baptised in
the Black River. Father had to break the ice
for this purpose. How well I remember that
night! As time went on we had to put up with
a lot of hardships; my father lost most of
his business on account of the Mormons and
we were threatened many times to be tarred
and feathered. As the years went on a Sun-
day school was started and I learned the foun-
dations of the Gospel. In 1925 I came west
to Martinez and settled here in 1925. I made
it my business to find out about the Church
here and get started. The first man I met was
President Macdonald. I don't think I had
better tell about that meeting. It was some-
thing like my baptism. Thanks to President
Macdonald it made a better man of me. My
wife attended the Sunday School and meetings
and did what she could to help the work along.
Later I became Sunday School superintendent,
then ward clerk, then a counselor to Bishop
Kest and also to Bishop Bunce. In 1935 I
was made bishop. I pray that the new bishopric
will be blessed and that the work will go on
and on."

SIX NEW MISSIONARIES

The number of foreign missionaries serving
from Oakland Stake will be augmented during
the next few months by six young people.
European missions being closed, the new assign-
ments are all in the western hemisphere. First
to leave will be Phil Hilton of Dimond, called
to Spanish-American Mission (Mexican), to
leave May 19. Following him on June 16th
will be Lillian Morley of Richmond, to the
same mission. Neal H. Christensen of Dimond,
will also leave on June 16th, for the Argentine.
On July 14th Herbert James March of Elm-
hurst, departs for Texas, on September 8th
William E. Kingsford of Oakland, goes to the
Argentine. And on September 22nd, Owen
Stanley Stewart of Hayward, will go to Texas.

NEW BISHOPRICS GETTING UNDER WAY

The new bishops of Dimond, Richmond and
Martinez ward are fast getting onto the ropes



Bishop Knowles



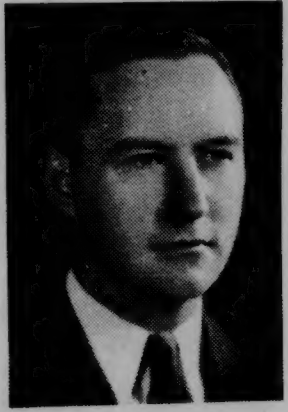
Bishop Edlefson

of their new jobs, and with their counselors
are keeping the ward machinery well oiled.

Bishop Willard B. Knowles of Martinez, is
a native of Logan, was educated in Logan City
schools. While attending the Utah State Agri-
cultural college from which he was graduated
in 1924, he was a noted football star and won
the nickname which he still carries—"Butch."
Majoring in physical education, he came to
California in 1927 to become athletic director
of the Alhambra Union High School. This
position he held until 1935 when he became
principal of that high school. He has been
consistently active in Church work throughout
his life, served many years as a counselor to
Bishop Abbott whom he succeeded. He was
married in 1924 to Elsie Rawlings in the Salt
Lake Temple. They have three children.



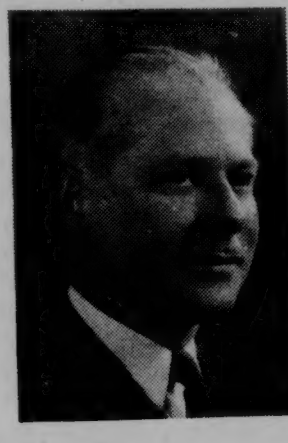
Elder Guymon



Elder Morley

Elder Albert Guymon, first counselor to
Bishop Knowles, was born in 1904 at Brigham
City, Utah, where he was educated. He came
to California in November, 1928, but went back
to Utah long enough to get his bride, Vera
L. Storey of North Ogden, to whom he was
married in 1929. He has served his ward in
various capacities, being Sunday School su-
perintendent for three years, ward clerk for a
short time in 1939 until he became Bishop
Abbott's first counselor.

Elder William Kenneth Skidmore, second
counselor to Bishop Knowles, was born in 1914,
a native of Cache County, Utah. From thence
he went to Millard county where he spent his
boyhood. Most of his Church activity has been



Elder Love



Elder Skidmore

spent in Sunday School, Aaronic Priesthood
and scouting. He has completed ten years
service in scouting, serving two years as Scout-
master of the troop sponsored by the Martinez
Exchange Club, and is at present Scoutmaster
of the Martinez ward troop. He first came to
California in 1937. In 1939 he was married in
the Manti Temple to Lora Beth Black of
Delta, Utah. They have one child. Elder
Skidmore is employed at the Shell refineries.

Bishop Leon Edlefson of Richmond, has the
dual distinction of being the youngest bishop
in the Stake and also the only native Cali-
fornian who is a bishop in the Stake. He was
born in Gridley, California, in 1915, and moved
with his folks to Richmond in 1922. He was
a student at U. C. for three years and at
Hastings College of Law in San Francisco for
one year, leaving there to take a position at
the Parr Terminal as assistant auditor. In
1938 he was married in the Salt Lake Temple
to Venus Bingham of Weston, Idaho. They
have one child. Prior to his recent ordination
he had been active in Sunday School, the
Elders' Quorum, and had been superintendent
of Richmond M.I.A.

Timothy Morley, first counselor, was born
in Nevada in 1910, and has been living in
Richmond since 1916. He has served as Stake
Sunday School secretary and member of the
Stake board since 1929. Since 1930 he has
also served as Richmond ward clerk. He is
(so far) unmarried, but rumor hath it this is
to be changed shortly.

The second counselor, Elder David Love,
was born in Salt Lake City in 1907, coming
to California in 1932 with the Ford Motor
Company. In 1929 he was married to Ada
Worsencroft of Payson; they have two chil-
dren. In 1940 they went through the Salt
Lake Temple.

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SAN FRANCISCO STAKE PRESI- DENCY REORGANIZED

President Stephen H. Winter of San Fran-
cisco Stake, was honorably released at the
quarterly conference of that Stake held Sun-
day, March 23rd. Attending as representatives
of the First Presidency, were Elders George F.
Richards and Sylvester Q. Cannon.

Sustained as the new president was Elder
Howard McDonald, formerly first counselor
to President Winter. He chose as his own
counselors Elders Ray T. Lindsay and Claude
B. Peterson.

A recent change in the nature of President
Winter's daily work has necessitated his absence
from the Stake quite frequently, with the pros-
pect that it may even require him to change
his residence. Under these circumstances Presi-
dent Winter felt impelled to recommend to
the First Presidency his release.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION SUCCESSFUL

The most largely attended and enthusiastic
Sunday School Convention in the Stake's his-
tory, was held at the Oakland chapel Sunday,
March 23. Visitors representing the General
Board were Secretary A. Hamer Reiser, and
Elders Gerrit de Jong and Gordon B. Hinckley.

CANDIDATE FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Running against a field of several, Mrs. Sara
H. Carruth has announced herself a candidate
for the Oakland School Board, director No. 3,
at the election to be
held April 15th.

Mrs. Carruth was for
almost ten years presi-
dent of the Stake Re-
lief Society, and has
had wide experience in
welfare work and
women's club work.
She is at present a di-
rector in the Oakland
Chapter of the Ameri-
can Red Cross and
high school chairman
of the California Con-
gress P.T.A., 28th dis-
trict. Trained as a
teacher, mother of five
sons, a past president of the Oakland Council
of Parents and Teachers, she has every quali-
fication to serve the people well in the office
sought by her.



Sara H. Carruth

JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

There are two Sunday Schools in the Oak-
land Stake now, following the church-wide
plan of the Junior Sunday School. These two
are at Elmhurst ward and Pittsburg branch.
This plan has been in operation in most of the
wards in Utah for from ten to twenty years
and has proved most successful. Where the
Junior Sunday School is functioning the
younger children have their own meeting
graded to their interests from the opening
time until the close of Sunday School. It is
economical of space and makes for greater
interest and faster learning for the little ones
and improved order for the adult membership.

SCOUTING GIVEN AN IMPETUS

Visiting the Oakland Council, Boy Scouts of
America during March, Oscar Kirkham con-
ferred with President Hilton and other scouters
in the interest of improving the standing of
Oakland council troops. During his visit a
training meeting was held for scout leaders.
Some twelve scouters from Stake and wards
mingled with those representing other organiza-
tions. A strong effort is being made to improve
the quality and quantity of leadership, since
it is believed the present weakness is due to
lack of leadership.

HIGH PRIEST ANNUAL DINNER

The Berkeley ward amusement hall was the scene of the annual High Priests dinner on Saturday evening, March 22nd. Every detail of the party was carefully planned to make it one of the nicest of the season. The guests were greeted by the officers of the quorum and their wives and presented with printed programs of the evening's entertainment. A delicious turkey dinner was prepared by Joe Thorsen and his aids and efficiently served by the girls of the Berkeley ward Gamma Rho Chi.

W. Glenn Harmon of the Stake presidency, was the master of ceremonies and impromptu toasts were responded to by a number of the guests. An excellent musical program was enjoyed following the dinner. The Gamma Rho Chi girls sang two numbers. Mrs. Francell Larsen played two violin solos and Ross Lynch sang, accompanied by Karleton Driggs. Community singing was led by Frank Parsons, with Claude Dewsnap at the piano. More than two hundred guests were present.

DAUGHTERS, UTAH PIONEERS TO HOLD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Wednesday, April 23rd, the annual encampment of Alameda County chapters, Daughters of Utah Pioneers, will convene in Dimond ward chapel at 1.30 p. m. The agenda will include the election of new county officers. All registered members and all interested who are eligible for membership are invited.

LARGE DELEGATION AT APRIL CONFERENCE

Headed by President Eugene Hilton, Oakland Stake will have a large representation at the April Conference, in session as this issue comes off the press. The entire Stake presidency of the Relief Society, several bishops and a number of others made the trip.

OAKLAND WARD

Services Held at Chapel, Corner Moss Avenue and Webster Street, Oakland

The annual ward reunion was held Friday, March 7. An interesting program was presented and delicious refreshments were served, after which dance music was furnished by Bob Rice's orchestra. The ladies of the ward participated in a cake baking contest. The cakes were judged by Mrs. Jensen from Remar Bakery and prizes were awarded to Beatrice Tribe, Leona Schuenman, Olenna Banks, Ruth

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At the Family Relations class held March 5, the subject "Family Life on Twenty-four hours a Day," was successfully presented by Phyllis Warnick. In addition, Mrs. Bullfinch of the Piedmont Branch Library, reviewed a number of interesting current books.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tate are rejoicing over the birth of a son, born March 11.

On Thursday, March 13, the Relief Society members celebrated the anniversary of the Relief Society commemorating its organization. A nice luncheon was served by Sarah Carruth, Emma Smith, Rose Dever and Adrian Gee. The entertainment was furnished by two of Mary Nielsen's students, Edith Booth and Barbara Beatty, who sang a number of Irish songs.

At the Sunday evening service, March 16, the Relief Society sponsored their Founder's Day program. Members who were honored had given 30 years or more of faithful and active service in the Relief Society. They were Mary Jones, Annie Phillips, Marie Posall, Unity Farmer, Julia Searle, Josie Davis, Eva Evans and Becky Wadman, Emma Smith, Ivie Breck and Sarah Carruth were honored speakers of the evening. A welfare dramatization was presented by Myrtle Larsen, Olenna Banks and Elizabeth Bergman. Musical numbers were furnished by Naomi Groom, accompanied by Knell Bean of the Stake board.

On March 18 the Mutual presented a one-act play, "Mushrooms Coming Up." It was an outstanding and successful performance and was immensely enjoyed by the members of the ward.

A Stake Family Relations dance is being planned for April 12, to be held in the Berkeley ward. All members of the Oakland ward Family Relations class and their partners are invited to attend. Tickets may be purchased from Clarice Warnick, hostess, from the Oakland ward. It promises to be a grand spring party and a good representation from the Oakland ward is urged.

HAYWARD WARD

Services Held at 1070 B Street

Eugene Price, an elder of our ward, plans to leave soon for Salt Lake City where he will be married before he reports as a draftee in the U. S. Army, March 31st.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford E. Johnston had as their guests recently Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Lloyd of Riverton, Utah. Mrs. Lloyd is the sister of Mrs. Johnston.

The ward Anniversary was held March 4th. A large cake was made by Leona Webb, beautifully decorated with thirteen candles and a small chapel in the center with this year's slogan, "A Chapel in '41." The evening was spent in dancing after a short program.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilford T. Webb and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford E. Johnston of the ward bishopric will attend the April Conference at Salt Lake City.

A theatre party was given March 13th by

the Young Men's M.I.A. in behalf of the building fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford E. Johnston announce the marriage of their son, Elwood, to Thelma Broadwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark R. Broadwell of Berkeley. The marriage took place February 21st in Berkeley.

VALLEJO WARD

Meet at 2010 Marin Street, Vallejo

Sunday evening, March 16th, the Relief Society celebrated their 99th anniversary with a delightful program and exhibit. At 5:30 p.m. all visiting teachers were present to greet the guests and after visiting the handiwork exhibit punch and birthday cake were served. The regular Sacrament service was held at 7:00 p.m., after which the Bishop turned the meeting over to President Ruby Larsen, who conducted the Relief Society program. Mrs. Anna Ellsworth, Stake Relief Society president, was the guest of honor.

Mrs. Georgia Coleman, president of the Primary, is in Ogden, Utah, because of the death of her father.

The Vallejo ward building committee was organized recently and have already begun work on several ward projects. The committee consists of Henry Nearing, chairman, and Irvin Webb, who is a member of the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce. The first event to be sponsored by the new committee is a basketball game at the Vallejo High School gymnasium, Saturday, March 22nd.

CLAREMONT WARD

Services Held at 2980 Adeline Street, Berkeley

Mrs. John M. Cannon of Salt Lake City, is visiting at the home of her daughter, Lenore Wood. Miss Betty Kitchen of Chicago, was also a recent visitor at the Wood home.

March 25th the Relief Society members went to the Stake project to work and to have a social in honor of Mrs. Nora Latimer, a former member of the ward, who lives and works at the project.

Maurine Carr is now in charge of the Claremont ward sewing project.

Elaine Sieberg has returned to Washington State after a visit at the home of her mother, Clara Gleason.

The Sacrament service on March 16, was in charge of the Relief Society. Lenore Wood, Relief Society president, presided and Miriam Ellsworth directed a play about project work in which Maurine Carr, Ellen Carr and Jaye Christianson Braumley were the actors. Ada Lindblad represented the Stake board.

Ann Wood was hostess March 21, to her Sunday School class.

The Book of Mormon Sunday School class held a social at the home of Don C. Wood on March 21. Minnie Curdy is the class teacher.

Joseph E. Wood, who has been stationed in Virginia the past few months, has been transferred to Camp Robinson near Little Rock, Arkansas.

Mrs. Thelma Duran is recuperating from an operation.

After the regular Mutual meeting of March 24th a dance was held.

On March 16th the Building Fund Committee gave money to anyone who would put it to work and double it for the building fund. Dorothy and Heber Brown and Hazel and Harold Butcher each gave a dinner. Stanley Carr financed a skating party.

Cheril Lowry, formerly of Claremont ward, was married March 23rd to Edwin Litten. The wedding was held at the Little Chapel of the Flowers and Bishop Reed Chase officiated. Shirley Woodcock was maid of honor and Norma and Jane Lowry were bridesmaids.

Jim Kay, coach of the basketball team, gave a steak dinner in honor of the players on March 8th. Each member of the team was presented with a medal.

The Relief Society held a social on March 12 at the home of Mrs. Eva Harker.

Ellen and Maurine Carr and Ardella Kay were hostesses to the Family Relations class at their regular meeting, at the home of Ellen Carr. Bob Minton was the speaker.

The Relief Society held a food sale at the Berkeley store of the Grant chain on March 22nd. Ellen Carr, Eva Harker and Mrs. Deen were in charge.

Elders Anderson and Morrison of the California Mission were the speakers at the Sacramento meeting March 23rd.

The Deacon's quorum has been reorganized with Daryl Dangerfield as president and Willard Bean and Vincent Wood as counselors and Bob Burdett as secretary.

Mrs. Pierce of the Golden State Dairy spoke on nutrition at the Relief Society meeting March 23rd.

At the conjoint Mutual meeting of May 4th Mr. and Mrs. W. Aird McDonald will be the speakers. Mr. McDonald was formerly president of the California Mission and previous to that time was president of Oakland Stake.

MAXWELL PARK WARD

Services Held in Masonic Hall, Corner
Foothill Boulevard and Mason Street

The M-Men and Gleaners' annual banquet was very well attended and enjoyed by members of Maxwell Park ward.

Members of the ward extend a hearty welcome to Brother Marchant after a prolonged illness.

The birthday party celebrating the first year of the organization of Maxwell Park ward was held on March 11th. Highlights of the party were a three-tier birthday cake, made of pop corn and topped with a large lighted candle. There were three splendid numbers by the choir. The Relief Society presented the ward with \$75.00. Twenty-five dollars is to be used in welfare work and the remainder goes into the building fund. There were 350 in attendance. The ward now has 100 more people than at its organization.

A surprise was held at luncheon on work day for Relief Society President Mary Partington. She was presented with a beautiful birthday cake.

Vaughn Adamson's Sunday School class held a party at the home of Frank Martinez. A lovely time was had by all.

"Clarence Booth recently won a flight scholarship.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. Ricks and Mr. Cargun on the death of their mothers; also to Pearl Brossard on the sudden death of her brother.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ganzer on their "Golden Wedding."

We are proud of our choir's fine work under the direction of Brother Booth, with Gladys Olson as organist, and know they will make a good showing when they exchange with Elmhurst Choir Sunday, March 23rd.

The ward regrets the recent hospitalization

of Edith Booth and hopes to have her back with us soon.

Edith Booth was guest soloist at the March 17th celebration at Oakland ward. Her rendition was very much enjoyed by all.

BERKELEY WARD

All Services Held at Chapel, Corner Vine and
Walnut Streets, Berkeley

Much talent was displayed among the younger members of Sunday School at a recent program. Talks were given by Eunice Harmon and Mary Watkinson; violin numbers by Lenore Ream and Doreen Lindsay; piano numbers by Tommy Stone and Mary Watkinson; a class song under the direction of Esther Russell with Mary Ellis singing the solo part. The Sunday School is planning an exceptional program for Easter Sunday.

Relief Society Conference under the direction of President Maybelle Anderson differed from the usual program. The oldest member was Sister Effie Dunham, the youngest was Kathryn Baer, each expressing their appreciation for the organization. The seven past presidents were all represented and gave interesting talks. A skit written by Ruth Hilton was given by Vida Allen, Helen Beukers and Margaret Fife. A vocal solo by Charlotte Cummings and the Relief Society chorus completed the program. Open house with refreshments followed in the lounge.

The Twilight Musical, under the direction of Orthella Hughes, on March 9th featured Mary Groom, soloist, accompanied by Knell Bean, who also played a piano solo, Mary Russell, organist. The afternoon was delightful and the artists, as usual, performed well.

A beautiful wedding was solemnized in the Chapel the evening of March 1st, when Miss Jean Marie Lindsay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lindsay, was given in marriage by her father to Mr. James Dunn. The ceremony was performed by Bishop R. V. Pearson. Music was furnished by the brother of the bride and sister of the groom with Karleton Driggs at the organ.

The M.I.A. are featuring their assembly programs and during March presented Lynn Lawrence in a violin concert with Helen Clovis, accompanist. The "National Defense Program" was given by Jack Thomas. All are invited to enjoy these programs and the splendid discussions in the various groups.

Much credit is due the Gamma Rho Chi girls for the splendid way they managed and served the delicious dinner on March 8th.

Dr. L. P. Monson entertained the Lambda Delta Sigma group recently, showing beautiful moving pictures of his recent trip to Hawaii. The young people appreciated his generosity.

An unusual award was made at Boy Scout Court of Honor in Troop 8 Tuesday, March 18th, when the Golden Palm was presented to Cliff Boyack. Other awards in most every rank were made, which shows the troop is full of activity.

The engagement of Miss Alma Dean Erickson and Sidney Feller has been announced.

The Primary Association is preparing their conference to be held on Sunday evening, May 11th.

MARTINEZ WARD

Services Held at Chapel end of Arch Street

The M.I.A. presented the program Sunday evening, March 2nd. Speakers were Audrey Johnson, Valentine Dahlin and Dewey Williams. LaFarr Astle sang two numbers.

With the reorganization of the bishopric, Kenneth Skidmore was released as Sunday School superintendent, and Meryl Skidmore was advanced to the superintendency, with Einer Johnson being sustained as first counselor and Jack Roskelley as second counselor.

A dinner in honor of the retiring bishop, John I. Abbott was held in the church on March 6th. Bishop Willard Knowles was master of ceremonies. Approximately 100 people were in attendance, among them President Hilton and our former bishop, John Kest. A short program consisting of a piano solo by Glenora Robison, vocal solo by Dewey Williams and a reading by Einer Johnson, along with community singing and impromptu speeches completed the evening's entertainment. Bishop Abbott was presented with a lovely chair and Mrs. Abbott with a potted plant in appreciation of their fine work.

The Relief Society was entertained March 13th at another of their birthday parties. The hostesses of the evening were Peggy Nott, Mabel Wadsworth and Lillian Abbott, and the party was held at the Nott home.

Our ward Relief Society Conference was held March 16th. A very interesting program was presented under the direction of President Wanda Roskelley.

The M.I.A. entertained at a "host" party March 21st. We were happy to welcome those from other wards and hope this fine spirit may continue.

We are glad to see Werner Vom Dorp and Andrew H. Easton off the sick list and able to be around again.

Our beautification committee is working diligently on the church grounds.

NAPA BRANCH

Services Held at Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Brown and Clay Streets

Patriarch Isaac B. Ball of Berkeley was a visitor in Napa Sunday, March 16th. Elder Ball conducted a question and answer class during Sunday School, in which members of the adult class wrote their questions on paper, the questions were then gathered up and answered by Elder Ball. Some very interesting and enlightening information was brought out by the questions. Elder Ball was also the speaker at Sacrament meeting where he delivered a most beautiful sermon.

The Relief Society Stake President Mrs. Anna Ellsworth and two of her board members, Mrs. Gertrude Nelson and Mrs. Shurtleff, visited the Napa Relief Society at the work and business meeting this month. The meeting was held at the Murdock home with Mrs. Helen Murdock and Mrs. Elise Swenson acting as hostesses. Relief Society members received much valuable counsel and inspiration from the visiting sisters.

In commemoration of the ninety-ninth anniversary of the organization of the Women's Relief Society, March 17th, the Sunday night service was turned over to the Relief Society ladies by President Murdock. Talks were given by Mrs. Orta Prescott, Mrs. Myrtle Altman and Branch President John L. Murdock. Mrs. Murdock led the Relief Society chorus in singing two songs. The oldest and most honored member, Mrs. Signe Anderson, sang "Joseph Smith's First Prayer." Mrs. Anderson sang in her native language, Danish, and all who lis-

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tened were inspired by her sweet voice and her sincerity. The Relief Society trio, consisting of Sisters Myrtle Pitcher, Helen Murdock and Mary Lou Pope, also sang. Mrs. Afton Thomas was piano accompanist and Mrs. Pope, violinist. A large birthday cake, donated by Mr. H. N. Pitcher, was cut and served after meeting.

Those planning to go to Salt Lake City for spring Conference from Napa are Mr. and Mrs. John L. Murdock, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Pitcher, Mr. and Mrs. Rex L. Bridges and Mrs. Fleming L. Pope.

ELMHURST WARD

Services Held at Chapel, 96th Avenue and Derby Street, Oakland

On the evening of March 15th, at a beautifully appointed candlelight ceremony, Maxine Edith Holder became the bride of Elton Junior Flaner, with Bishop Milton P. Ream officiating. Elaine Flaner, sister of the bridegroom, was bridesmaid, and Max Beck best man. Maxine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Holder, at whose home the wedding took place. Only the immediate relatives of the young couple were in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Flaner will make their home in Oakland.

The Bee Hive Girls of the ward are to be complimented on the way they have decorated their room in the chapel. They have made curtains for the windows, and have Swarn and individual symbols decorating the walls.

A farewell party will be held on the evening of April 11th for Robert Brummet, who will leave shortly for Salt Lake City, to be set apart for a mission to the East Central States. We desire to extend an invitation to all the members of the Stake to be in attendance.

We are happy to report that the new Junior Sunday School, the first of its kind to be organized in the Bay Area, is progressing nicely, and creating a great deal of interest among the parents as well as the children who attend it.

Mrs. Hood, mother of Mrs. Katherine Marsh, recently sailed for Porto Rico, where she will visit at the home of her daughter. She expects to be away for some time.

On the sick list lately have been Rolyat T. Cox and Bert Bates, but we are glad to report that both are now back with us again.

A "stork shower" was recently given at the home of Sister Caldwell in honor of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Stanley Michaelsen. The 25 guests present enjoyed a very pleasant evening, and Mrs. Michaelsen received many lovely gifts which were greatly appreciated. Wanda Stirrett was acting hostess, assisted by Beatrice Seibl.

The bishopric of the ward are attending the General Conference in Salt Lake City.

Mrs. Nellie Moody, who has been visiting with her two sons, Manton and Vaun, throughout the winter, is returning to her home in Hinckley, Utah.

Our former bishop, Horace J. MacFarlane, and wife were given a surprise party on Thursday, March 27th, the occasion being the eve of their 25th, or silver, wedding anniversary. The affair was given by the Relief Society officers and their partners. It was an old-time party with plenty to eat and lots of fun, and was greatly enjoyed by all.

James C. Ostegar of Clifton, Idaho, is a visitor in Elmhurst, at the home of his brother, Oliver.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Ware of Ogden, Utah; Max Fisher of Layton, Utah, and his daughter have all been guests recently at the home of Mrs. C. A. Lund. On their return to Utah they were accompanied by Mrs. Lund's father, W. W. Crawford, who has been visiting here for the

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS:

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mayfield, a son. Vallejo.
Mr. and Mrs. Lorin W. Colvin, a son, December 22, 1940. Oakland.
Mr. and Mrs. Vernon B. Blake, a son, December 28, 1940. Oakland.
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Allen, a daughter, December 24, 1940. Oakland.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Wood, a son, December 2, 1940. Oakland.
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kent Anderson, a son, January 15, 1941. Oakland.
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tate, a son, March 11, 1941. Oakland.
Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Norberg, a daughter, March 15, 1941. Oakland.

BLESSINGS:

Judith Lynn Ball. Elmhurst.
Benjamin Lewis Foulk. Martinez.
Bonnie Larson. Martinez.
Harold Hogle. Martinez.
David Sanders Crockett. Hayward.
Lorin Wayne Colvin, Jr. Oakland.
Vernon Paul Blake. Oakland.
Linda Carol Allen. Oakland.
Gary Lawrence Wood. Oakland.
Shirley Lynne Anderson. Oakland.

BAPTISMS:

Mrs. Jane Meridith. Elmhurst.
Joan Mary Cardwell. Napa.
Lois Anne Cardwell. Napa.
Nancy Billie Cardwell. Napa.
Patricia Beverly Benedict. Martinez.
Karl Deloy Peterson. Berkeley.
Justino Siguerra. Berkeley.
Thomas Edward Craig. Oakland.
Richard David Craig. Oakland.

ORDINATIONS:

Stanley Owen Stewart, Elder. Hayward.
Herbert Light, Elder. Hayward.
John A. Meyers, Elder. Hayward.
Eugene Price, Elder. Hayward.
George Reinkin, Elder. Hayward.
Robert Allen Kaufman, Deacon. Oakland.
Joseph Giroux, Deacon. Berkeley.
Joe Wood, Jr., Deacon. Claremont.

MARRIAGES:

Jim Dunn and Jean Marie Lindsay. Berkeley.
Elwood J. Johnston and Thelma Broadwell. Hayward.
Elwood Litten and Cheril Lowry. Claremont.
Elton Junior Flaner and Maxine Edith Holder. March 15. Elmhurst.

DEATHS:

Mary Jane Norberg, infant daughter of Angus H. and Katherine Norberg. Oakland.

past six months.

At the regular March fast services Judith Lynn Hall, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hall, was blessed, and Mrs. Jane Meridith was confirmed a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

ALAMEDA WARD

Services Held at Odd Fellows Hall, Corner Park St. and Santa Clara Ave., Alameda

The Relief Society anniversary consisted of a program honoring the following members, was held Sunday evening, March 16th, with President Marie Meuter in charge. Katie Hunt, charter member and first president; Arletta Tuttle, a member for fifty years, and Vina Holdaway, a member for forty-eight years.

A dramatization of the meaning and purpose of the Welfare program was presented. The members participating were Alfarette Liddle, as Stake Relief Director; May Knowles, as the discouraged ward president, and Violet Pinckney as the new work director.

The effective floral decorations were arranged by Carol Durham.

Jean Vincent is active in the work again after a long illness.

Much interest and enthusiasm is being shown at present in the adult Sunday School class conducted by Bishop Wendell M. Jensen. The work takes the form of a quiz program, a contest between the men and women.

Mrs. Amelia Everett is leading the class of women in the Sunday School who are studying etiquette, one of the textbook authorities being Emily Post. This course provides up-to-date information in an enjoyable way.

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